

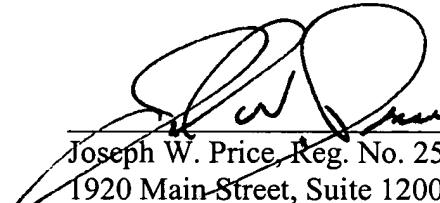
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application. The amendments made to Claim 3, and newly drafted Claims 10-12 are believed to add no new material to the present application. The amendments made to the specification do not add any new material to the present application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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